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## JURY PROMPTLY **ACQUITS OSTERLE**

No Evidence Produced Against Chair Agent in Hustings Court.

#### NOLLE PROSEQUI IN REILLY CASE

Janitor Testified That Sample Was Removed From High School, But Admits That It Was Put Back-Reilly's Mother Goes on Stand.

FTER the jury had been out only two minutes, F. W. Osterle, an employe of the American Seat-

#### ADDRESS FROM STAND

Attorney Rehearses to Jury Speech Made at Trial.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 24.—
The odd spectacle of an attorney addressing the jury from the witness stand developed in the trial of W. Y. Ellis, charged with the murder of N. P. Willis, of Indianapolis, in the Circuit Court here to-day, when Judge J. A. Mustin. of Pine Bluff. called as the first witness for the defense, rehearsed on the stand the speech he had made as counsel for Ellis in Judge Fulk's yourt at the hearing which terminated fatally for Willis.

The defense is pleading temporary insanity, caused by brooding over the

before Ellis might have had an effect on his sanity.

The State made out a simple prima facie case, showing that Willis was shot down by the defendant, apparently without provocation.

Jugs Guy Fulk and Deputy Clerk Lawrence Wilson, eyewitnesses to the tragedy, were the principal witnesses for the State. They told how as an order was made out by Judge Pulk giving Willis control of the child in controversy. Ellis drew a revolver. Rred, and then, breaking away from Gibson, who grappled with him, took feliberate aim, and shote down the Indiana man. They said he was apparently calm and collected. Court will continue all day Thanksgiving.

#### BEQUEST OF \$5,000,000

Mission Board Gets Five Times as Much as Had Been Expected.
HARRISBURG, PA., November 24.—
Announcement that the bequests of the late John Stuart Kennedy, the New York millionaire, to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions would amount to \$5,000,000 instead of \$1,000.
\$400, as had been stated at the time of his death, was made at the Laymen's Missionary Convention here to-day. The announcement was by Dr. A. W. The announcement was by Dr. A. W. The announcement was by Dr. A. W. The announcement was in came as a surprise. Dr. Halsey said that at a meeting of the trustees in New York and been found that the boauest to this board, which conducts the Presbyterian churches wide missionary work

#### SEEKING INJUNCTION

Telephone Interests Will Try to Prevent Merger.
ST. LOUIS, MO., November 24.—Following the institution of injunction suits in St. Louis and Cleveland to pre-States Telephone Company and the Cleveland, Indianapolis and Toledo Telephone Company are prohibited from merging with any other corporation, S. B. Jeffries, counsel for the minority stockholders of these corporations, announced to-day that he will apply to the St. Louis Circuit Court for the appointment of a commissioner to take the testimony of George W. Perkins, a member of the banking firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co.

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Theodore Vall, president of the American Tēlegraph and Telephone Company; W. R. Day, Edward Hail, United States Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts; representatives of the New York banking firm of Harvey Fisk & Sons, and others identified with the new telephone and telegraph merget also may be summoned.
The testimony of these men, according to Mr. Jeffries, is expected to show that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has obtained control of the four independent companies which operate chiefly in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and connect at Indianapolis with the long distance service

#### NO CAUSE FOR HUNGER

#### THIRD PERSON SUSPECTED

ascertain it aris, clover cannot give them information as to the identity of the third person.

The suicide story told by the pris-oner is not seriously considered by the police, inasmuch as one of the wounds was in the back and could not have been self-inflicted.

#### OWNED BY RAILROADS

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The defense is pleading temporary insanity, caused by brooding over the saleged persecutions of Mrs. Ellis by Willis, her former husband, and the speech of Judge Mustin, which in effect outlined these troubles and alleged wrongs, was admitted by the court on the ground that their recital before Ellis might have had an effect on his sanity.

The State made out a simple prima

Further Indictments in Tong Feud.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., November 24.—A grand jury to-day returned indictments, charging murder against Tong King Chong, editor of the Chinese Free Press, and secretary of the Chinese Free Masons; Gee Hong On, president of the On Yick Tong, and three other Chinese. All these Chinese are members of the On Yick Tong, which has been making war on the Yee family. Seven Chinese have been siain since the outbreak of hostilities.

## HEAPED-UP BODIES ARE FOUND IN MINE

Explorers Come Upon 150 Corpses of Black Damp Victims.

#### NONE LEFT ALIVE IS NOW CONCEDED

We Are All Here to Die Together," Is Message Found Scrawled on Wall - Fire Breaks Out Afresh and Mine May Be Sealed.

HERRY, ILL., November 24.—After more than 150 bodies had been discovered in the St. Paul mine to-day, efforts to carry them to the surface were temporarily abandoned while an efort was made to check a fire which again threatened the main shaft. If the efforts to control the fire are not successful to-morrow it s probable that the mine again will be

No evidence that the men had attempted to barricade themselves from the black damp was seen. Many of the former workers in the mine protested agrily after they discovered that the men would have been safe from the deadly gas had not the ventilating fan of the mine been reversed shortly after the discovery of fire.

They assert that the men had retreated to the bridge, where, under ordinary conditions, the noxious gas would not have reached them, and believing themselves in no danger, merely

### First Choice is Best

It always has been-ever since the world began. It's as true in choosing Christmas gifts as it is in locating a

The stores of Richmond are brimful of beautiful Christmas gifts now-ready for your choice. To-day's advertisements teem with offerings at special prices to induce

First choice is best-and now it's economy.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS WARNED

Rosebery Lifts Historic Struggle to n New Plane. LONDON, November 24.—Lord Rose-bery, the former Liberal Prime Minis-ter, to-day raised the historic struggle between the Lords and House of Com-mons to a new plane by one of the finest speeches he has ever delivered.

#### LABEL OBJECTED TO

#### DRAFTED INTO SERVICE

Jury Box Finally Filled for Trial of Discrimination Cuase.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 24.

Drastic measures were again taken to-day to secure a jury in the suit of eleven bituminous coal companies against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to recover damages aggregating \$1,000,000 for alleged car discrimination. Last Monday the jury panel became exhausted, and the unusual method of sending court officers into office buildings and other places to impress citizens for service was put in force. In this way the jury box was finally filled, but to-day when the case was called counsel for the coal companies objected to one of the jurors and he was excused. Judge Holland directed that Monday's procedure be again resorted to. Three men were quickly brought in. James Kerr, a member of the Union League, who was found in an office building, was selected to complete the jury and the case was begun.

Lock Announces That the Slaughter Is to Go On.

NEW YORK. When 24.— More the Go On the Will be greated at the position that realized with the position that realized with the position that realized with the clearly on the present at Washington. (We shall lock the pright on cleaning house in the the statement at Washington. (We shall lock the pright on cleaning house in the customs service, and there will be the customs service, and there will be ustoms service, and there will be the customs service, and there will be a custom service, and there will be the customs service, and there will be a custom service, and the customs service will be the customs service, and the customs service will be the customs service, and the customs were service, and the custom P. Bendernagel, former superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Com-pany's plant at Brooklyn, and the gov-ernment weighers jointly accused with

nim.
Pleas of not guilty were entered in behalf of each of the indicted men.
Their trial is set for November 29.

Washington Gets Meeting.
FRANKFORT, KY., November 24.—
Governor Augustus E. Willson, of
Kentucky, acting as chairman of the
committee to fix a date and place of
the second annual convention of the
Governor to discuss natural resources,
announced that it would be held on
January 18, 1910, at Washington. The
Governor arranged with former Mayor
Seth Low, of New York, by telephone
to-day, to held the next meeting of
the National Civil Association of which
Mr. Low is president, simultaneously
with that of the Governors. Washington Gets Meeting.

# WHITE SLAVE TRADE

Taft Takes Up Mooted Question at White House Conference.

#### BILL IS DRAFTED, READY TO PRESENT

Believed That Evil Can Be Checked by Means of Interstate Commerce Laws-Railway Traffic Is Considered by President and Advisers.

Giving to shippers the choice of routes over various connecting lines is another important amendment which the President favors.

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The President shelieves that another change in the interstate commerce law should give to the commission the power to hear and entertain complaints against unjust classification of merchandise for transportation.

To give the commission power to institute complaints of its own and not to limit it to the consideration of complaints made from the outside, is another of the important changes in the law to which the President and his advisers are devoting a considerable share of their attention. It is proposed that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be given authority to suspend for thirty days the carrying into effect of a new rate classification, providing complaint is made that the new rates are unjust. It is argued that in this way the shipper is given equal right with the railroads, which are permitted to take appeals from orders of the commission.

The subject which has given the President and his advisers much concern is the proposal to permit railroads to pool rates. The President and the date to be taken to a hospitude the ballot to be taken to a hospitude the ballot that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chapin was arrested and held in \$1,000 ball that a new box

The President received a delegation of coal miners and operators to-day headed by Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and President Thomas L. Lewis, of the United Nine Workers of Pennsylvania, and President Thomas L.
Lewis, of the United Nine Workers of
America, who called to urge him to
advocate some change in the interState commerce law that would allow
rallroads to make freight pools or
agreements under government supervision. They told the Prasident that a
great deal of the car congestion was
caused by the present railroad laws.
The President said he would take the
subject under consideration.
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#### WILL COMPLY WITH LAW

William Rockefeller States Standard's

#### **NEGRO SHOT AND BURNED**

#### COURT TICKETS SOLD

#### ACID THROWERS SENTENCED

Will Edit Paper in Cell,
MOUNT VERNON, ILL, November 24.
—Ora F, Havill, editor or a daily newspaper at Mount Carmel, Ill, found guilty of criminal libel, announced to-day
that he would edit his paper from his
cell unless an appeal to the higher
court proves effective for his release.
Circuit Judge Green sentenced Havill
to sixty days in jail.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24.—Following a conference with President (Continued on Page Two—Column 44)

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## WOULD MAKE RURAL LIFE ATTRACTIVE

Canadian Educator Pleads for Opportunity for Country Boy.

#### MR. BRYAN URGES WIDER VISION

Speakers at Big Educational Meeting Talk of Modern Uplift and Its Practical Application-Governor Proud of Record Made During His Term.

#### Educational Thoughts

ing out for external purposes, but is chipping in for the home.—Dr. Robertson.

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Every people will follow leaders born into sympathy with their aspiration, and trained into ability to meet the new conditions of every new advancement—Dr. Robertson.

I desire to express my personal gratitude for the work done by The Times-Dispatch for the great educational uplift in Virginia.—Governor Swanson.

minion, the speakers at last night's meeting of the Virginia Educational Conference discussed, as did those of the night before, the improvement of rural conditions and education for the

"I am glad," said he, "of the in-creased salaries of our teachers, glad of the longer school terms, glad of the splendid new high schools, glad of

the beautiful new school buildings,

the beautiful new school buildings, glad that the trustees throughout the State have responded so liberally to the demands made upon them.

"With the impetus this movement now has," he asserted, "it will take as much effort in the years to come to mark time as it will to march; it will consume as much energy to stand still as to go forward."

He paid a tribute to the work of the Virginia Co-Operative Education Commission, under whose auspiess last night's meeting was held, and especially to the labors of Mrs. B. B. Munford and Mrs. L. R. Dashiell. Its president, John Stewart Bryan, had, he said, been a great friend to educational progress.

"Saveral years ago," continued the Governor, "our president, with his distinguished father, and myself, had a conference. In which both evidenced their sympathy with the educational movement, and a result has been that The Times-Dispatch has devoted pages of its Sunday edition to the cause. The cost has been large; a great deal of money has been expended by this great newspaper, but the publication has newspaper, but the publication has done much to aid and encourage the

newspaper, but the publication has done much to aid and encourage the work. I desire to express my personal gratitude for the work done by The Times-Dispatch for the great educational uplift in Virginia."

Mr. Bryan's Address.

"I am only a figure head in this movement," said Mr. Bryan. "The laddes whom the Governor has mentioned have run me as president of the Co-Operative Education Commission.

"The Governor it was who suggested that we put the educational page in The Times-Dispatch. He, like all the truly great, has given some one else the credit. Not only for the betterment of educational conditions, but in his work for good roads, Governor Swanson has been the leading spirit. The gubernatorial perion of 1905-1909 will be splendid and luminous in the history of Virginia."

The vision and the achievements of the Co-Operative Education Commission wore reviewed by Mr. Bryan. "High schools." he said, "are now within the reach of nearly every child. Splendid buildings dannot make education [Gastinus] and facetion make education [Gastinus] and Fare Four-Column [Gastinus]

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